

# Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

## Budget Summary



### Overview

The Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee proposed budget totals \$2 billion, which is a \$180 million (8.22 percent) decrease from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation. The budget includes \$187.1 million in General Revenue, which is a \$27.5 million (12.82 percent) decrease from the previous year and \$1,822.3 million in trust funds, which is a \$152.4 million (7.72 percent) decrease from the previous year. The budget includes funding for 8,859.75 authorized positions, which is 374.5 fewer (4.06 percent) than the previous fiscal year.

### Key Issues

- Provides authority to spend \$7.8 million from BP to conduct food safety testing and a high-visibility seafood marketing campaign.
- Provides \$130 million in funding for the clean-up of contaminated petroleum sites.
- Provides \$26 million for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the implementation of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Program.
- Provides \$246 million in financial assistance to local governments for construction of critical environmental infrastructure and drinking water systems.
- Eliminates 374.5 positions; one-third of which are vacant, some more than 120 days and some as long as five years.
- Reduces funding for managing aquatic and terrestrial invasive plants from \$35 million to \$18 million.
- Transfers \$63.5 million from state trust funds generated by documentary stamp taxes. The General Revenue is redirected to Education.
- Provides \$8.3 million for new Beach Restoration Projects.
- Florida Forever is not funded.

### Breakdown

#### *Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*

- \$322.9 million budget, which is a decrease of \$13.9 million (4.12 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation; 192 positions eliminated (5.23 percent).

#### *Department of Citrus*

- \$67.4 million budget, which is an increase of \$553,047 (.83 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation; 8 positions eliminated (1.76 percent).

#### *Department of Environmental Protection*

- \$1.34 billion budget, which is a decrease of \$143.6 million (9.65 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation; 172.5 positions eliminated (4.86 percent).

#### *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*

- \$274.7 million budget, which is a decrease of \$23 million (7.73 percent) from the 2010-11 fiscal year appropriation; 2 positions eliminated (less than 1 percent).

#### *Trust Funds Swept*

- **Department of Environmental Protection**
  - Ecosystem Management & Restoration Trust Fund
  - Land Acquisition Trust Fund
  - Water Management Lands Trust Fund
  - Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund
- **Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**
  - Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund